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SUBJECT: US-USSR HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS PUBLICATION PROJECT

1. EDITORIAL COMMITTEE FOR JOINT US-USSR ARCHIVES PUBLICATION "RUSSIA AND AMERICA, 1765-1815" MET FEB. 21 TO MARCH 7 AT US NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND MADE "SEMI-FINAL" SELECTION OF DOCUMENTS FOR PUBLICATION. MEETINGS, CHAIRED BY STATE DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN DAVID TRASK AND SOVIET MFA HISTORICAL DIPLOMATIC DEPARTMENT CHIEF SERGEI TIKHVINSKY, WERE CORDIAL AND PRODUCTIVE. COMMITTEE REVIEWED AND AGREED ON DISPOSITION OF OVER 900 DOCUMENTS. ALSO AGREED ON TENTATIVE WORK SCHEDULE THAT CALLS FOR FURTHER ADJUSTMENT OF CONTENT DURING 1978, FINAL EDITING IN 1979 AND PUBLICATION  
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IN 1980.

2. DESPITE DIFFERENCES OF EMPHASIS AND NATIONAL STYLE, SUCCESSFUL COMPROMISES WERE REACHED WHICH AMERICAN EDITORS CONSIDER COMPATIBLE WITH US NATIONAL STANDARDS. SOVIETS AGREED TO PRINT SOME DOCUMENTS WITH CRITICAL TONE, SUCH AS LETTER BY CHIEF JUSTICE MARSHALL CONDEMNING EXTENSION OF

RUSSIAN INFLUENCE IN EUROPE. US SIDE ACCEDED TO SOVIET REQUEST TO INCLUDE MORE DOCUMENTS ON TRADE AND ACTIVITIES OF RUSSIA-AMERICA COMPANY THAN WE HAD RECOMMENDED.

3. ON QUESTION OF SCHOLARLY ACCESS, SOVIETS REAFFIRMED WILLINGNESS TO ESTABLISH A PROJECT ARCHIVE CONTAINING ALL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED FOR PUBLICATION, WHETHER PRINTED IN VOLUME OR NOT, AND TO OPEN IT TO "QUALIFIED SCHOLARS." A US PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE IN PROJECT ARCHIVE MICROFILMS OF WHOLE FILES FROM WHICH DOCUMENTS SELECTED IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY SOVIETS.

4. DURING COUNTESY CALL, DR. SHULMAN AFFIRMED DOS INTEREST IN PROJECT AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE FOR US THAT JOINT PUBLICATION MEET SCHOLARLY STANDARDS AND THAT SCHOLARS HAVE ACCESS TO RELEVANT MATERIALS. TIKHVINSKY REPLIED THAT SOVIETS WERE CONCERNED THAT "BEST" DOCUMENTS BE INCLUDED. HE AFFIRMED THAT FOREIGN SCHOLARS ALREADY HAVE CONSIDERABLE ACCESS TO ARCHIVES IN THE USSR, BUT DID NOT COMMENT EXPLICITLY ON ACCESS IN CONNECTION WITH PROJECT.

5. COPY OF PROTOCOL AND MINUTES WILL BE POUCHED.  
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